

MEMORANDUM

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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TO : Thomas C. Chalmers, M.D.
Director
NIH Clinical Center

DATE: December 5, 1972

FROM : R. C. Backus, Ph.D.
Executive Secretary
Tuskegee Syphilis Study Ad Hoc Advisory Panel

SUBJECT: Protection of Human Subjects--Current Policy and Practices

1. This is to confirm plans for a delegation from the Tuskegee Syphilis Study Ad Hoc Advisory Panel to meet with you and Dr. John Eberhart, Director of the National Institute of Mental Health Intramural Research Programs on Monday, December 18 at 2 p.m. in the Clinical Center Board Room.
2. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information that will assist the Panel in its deliberations on its third charge from the Assistant Secretary for Health to determine whether existing policies to protect the rights of patients participating in health research conducted or supported by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare are adequate and effective and to recommend improvements in these policies, if needed.
3. Members of the Panel who are expected to be present are:
 - Mr. Ronald Brown, Esq.
Counsel for the Urban Leagues, New York City
 - Seward Hiltner, Ph.D.
Professor of Theology, Princeton University
 - Jay Katz, M.D.
Adjunct Professor of Law, Yale University
 - Mr. Fred Speaker, Esq.
Former Attorney General, State of Pennsylvania
 - Broadus N. Butler, Ph.D.
Chairman of the Panel and President of Dillard University
4. Mr. Joel Mangel, Esq., DHEW Office of General Counsel and Dr. D. T. Chalkley, Division of Research Grants, NIH, whose office is responsible for implementing the DHEW policy on protection of human subjects--grants and contracts, have also been invited to attend.
5. We will rely on your judgement to invite others at NIH who may be helpful to the Panel in its concern with this charge.

cc: Dr. Eberhart
Mr. Mangel
Dr. Chalkley
Dr. Sherman
Dr. Malone

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